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SHEET METAL PART, ASSEMBLING ELEMENT AND  
SWAGING ASSEMBLY

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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant of the above-referenced patent application is a small entity and hereby asserts entitlement to small entity status. This assertion is being signed by a party identified in 37 CFR § 1.27 (c) (2).

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